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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 17, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 37, 39, 48, and 50-52 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for 1. month(s):
 - was filed on
 - is submitted herewith.
- A timely response to the final rejection has been filed. 2.
- A fee in the amount of \$320.00 is: 3.
 - Required.
 - □ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
- Applicant has qualified for the 50% reduction in fee for an independent inventor, non profit organization or small business concern and a fee in the amount of \$160.00 is: 4.
 - □ Required.
 - Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
- Please charge the required fee, if any, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 5. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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